



Mississippi Works:
WIOA
Newsletter

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This newsletter will provide weekly updates regarding Mississippi's WIOA planning process. Our state will be an early implementer and will submit a combined plan on September 1, 2015.

Which of these primary sectors are the most prominent in your region?

If additional funding is invested in one of the sectors listed below, what opportunities do you believe will improve our focus and align workforce training resources more effectively across all programs? Please provide your ideas and feedback to James Williams at jwilliams@swdb-ms.org.

- Advanced manufacturing
- Aerospace
- Agribusiness
- Automotive
- Energy
- Healthcare
- Shipbuilding
- Tourism and Film



Subject Matter Experts discuss their various programs and services with members of the WIOA Writing Team.

About Mississippi Works

Mississippi Works is an economic development initiative designed to drive and grow new and existing industries and ideas. Working together, Mississippi is customizing solutions that attract new businesses, expand existing ones, and prepare our workforce for success.

One of the main goals of the Mississippi Works system is to put job seekers in better positions to find jobs. The system positions our state as a prime location for doing business and aligning workforce development efforts. By investing in Mississippi's most important asset, our workforce, we can accommodate the changing demands of new and existing businesses and increase our workforce participation rate so every Mississippian will have the opportunity to find gainful employment.

Through the WIOA planning process, stakeholders are working together to create a shared vision of a streamlined workforce eco-system that is data-driven and transparent. By better utilizing job-matching technology by employers and jobseekers, our state will be on the cutting edge of workforce development and positioned to be a national leader in the competitive, global economy.

For more information, visit <http://www.mississippiworks.org/>.

Timeline

2nd Public Forum

Wednesday, July 22 – 5:30 PM at Mississippi Department of Education, Central High School Auditorium, 359 North West Street, Jackson, MS

SWIB Meeting and 3rd Public Forum

Friday, August 14 – 10:00 AM at the Jackson Convention Complex, 105 E. Pascagoula Street, Jackson, MS

Public Notice for Two Upcoming Public Forums:

The State Workforce Investment Board (SWIB) will hold public hearings on Wednesday, July 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the Central High School Auditorium of the Mississippi Department of Education located at 359 North West Street in Jackson, Mississippi, and on Friday, August 14, at 10 a.m. at the Jackson Convention Complex located at 105 E. Pascagoula Street.

The purpose is to receive public comments on the planning of the state's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). These public hearings will be held in conjunction with the SWIB task force meetings and are designed to give the public the opportunity to hear about the WIOA planning process and to offer any comments about the proposed plan.

Additional information and the planning document can be found at <http://swib.ms.gov/>. Written comments may be e-mailed to James Williams at jwilliams@swdb-ms.org and will be noted, recorded, and considered. These documents are available in Braille upon request. To review the documents on the Newsline for the Blind, please apply online at www.nfb.org or contact Margaret Smitherman at the Library for the Blind at (601) 432-4111.

For additional questions about accessibility or requests for accommodations during the meetings, please contact Kathryn Stewart at 601-985-4105 or Kathryn.stewart@butlersnow.com. All requests for accommodation at the meetings must be made at least one week prior to the proposed meeting time.

**In addition, WIOA Planning Meetings are held every Friday at 10 a.m. at NSPARC on the campus of Mississippi State University.*

Contact

For more information, visit the WIOA tab at <http://swib.ms.gov/>.

Questions? Contact James Williams at 601-321-6046 or jwilliams@swdb-ms.org.